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For: INFORMATION STORAGE AND)
INFORMATION PROCESSING)
SYSTEM UTILIZING STATE-)
DESIGNATING MEMBER PROVIDED)
ON SUPPORTING CARD SURFACE)
WHICH INDICATES WRITE-)
PERMITTING OR WRITE-)
INHIBITING STATE (as amended))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned reissue application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) An information storage card apparatus comprising:

a supporting card;

storage medium means on said supporting card in which information can be

written; and

a state-designating conductive member provided on a surface of the supporting card designating a state of said storage medium means in which writing information to the storage medium means is permitted or prohibited, wherein a write-permitting or a write-inhibiting [signal] state is [produced] indicated by said state-designating conductive member.

4. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said supporting card is nonconductive and said state-designating conductive member is conductive to [designate] indicate that said writing information is prohibited.

8. (Amended) An information storage apparatus comprising:

a storage medium in which information can be written; and

a support member incorporating said storage medium, the support member having a first portion on a main surface thereof where an external connection terminal electrically connected to said storage medium is provided, and a second portion on said main surface, where a state-designating member for designating a state in which writing of information to the storage medium is permitted or prohibited is provided, and wherein a write-permitting or a write-inhibiting [signal] state is [produced] indicated by said state-designating member.

12. (Amended) The information storage apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said first portion where said external connection terminal is provided is formed in a first recess on the main surface of said support member and said second portion where said state-designating

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member for designating a state in which writing of information is permitted or prohibited is provided is formed in a second recess on the main surface of said support member.

15. (Amended) The information storage apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said first portion where said external connection terminal is provided is formed in a first recess on the main surface of said support member and said second portion where said state-designating member for designating a state in which writing of information is permitted or prohibited is provided is formed in a second recess on the main surface of said support member.

18. (Amended) An information storage apparatus comprising:
a storage medium in which information can be written; and
a support member incorporating said storage medium, the support member having a first portion on a main surface thereof where an external connection terminal electrically connected to said storage medium is provided, and a second portion on said main surface, adapted for providing thereon a state-designating member for designating a state in which writing of information to the storage medium is permitted or prohibited, wherein[,] a write-permitting or a write-inhibiting [signal] state is [produced] indicated by said state-designating member.

22. (Amended) The information storage apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said first portion where said external connection terminal is provided is formed in a first recess on the main surface of said support member and said second portion adapted to be provided with said

state-designating member for designating a state in which writing of information is permitted or prohibited is formed in a second recess on the main surface of said support member.

25. (Amended) The information storage apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said first portion where said external connection terminal is provided is formed in a first recess on the main surface of said support member and said second portion adapted for providing thereon said state-designating member for designating a state in which writing of information is permitted or prohibited is formed in a second recess on the main surface of said support member.

28. (Amended) The information storage apparatus comprising:

a storage medium in which information can be written;

a supporting member incorporating said storage medium, the support member having a first portion on a main surface thereof where an external connection terminal electrically connected to said storage medium is provided, and a second portion on said main surface; and

a state-designating member on said second portion, for designating a state in which writing of information to the storage medium is prohibited, wherein [a write-permitting or] a write-inhibiting [signal] state is [produced] indicated by said state-designating member.

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in this reissue application. Claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 15, 18, 22, 25, and 28 have been amended. Support for the claim amendments may be found at col. 4, lines 34-37 and col. 7, lines 29-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,145,023.

Patent Owner requests examination of this reissue application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment,
please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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